

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 995

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tina Fox for her  
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have  
devoted their careers in selfless service to their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Tina Fox, who has served with the Tennessee Board  
of Parole for nearly three decades, proving herself an integral leader whose devotion and  
impact are unsurpassed; and

WHEREAS, for the last twenty-nine years, Ms. Fox has served the Tennessee Board of  
Parole in a variety of capacities, including in her current position as director of Victim Services, a  
post she has held for more than six years; and

WHEREAS, as director, she works directly with the victims of crime to ensure their legal  
rights are being upheld for parole hearings; she has also implemented statewide training for  
Tennessee Department of Correction's Victim Coordinators and District Attorneys' Victim  
Witness Coordinators; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate advocate for victims, Tina Fox coordinates ceremonies  
across Tennessee to honor victims of crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week every  
April and facilitates an annual Tennessee Season to Remember in Nashville each December to  
honor and remember homicide victims; and

WHEREAS, prior to ascending to the position of director of victim services, she served  
as community resource coordinator from 1998 to 2012 and a probation/parole officer from 1989  
to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Tina Fox earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and corrections  
and her master's degree in professional studies in strategic leadership from Tennessee State

University (TSU); she holds a graduate certificate in public administration executive leadership and strategic leadership from TSU, as well as a graduate certificate in leadership from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and she completed the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Leadership Academy, the only female and the only non-law enforcement professional to do so; and

WHEREAS, a trusted leader in her field, Ms. Fox has served as vice chair of the Association of Paroling Authorities International Crime Victims' Committee, vice chair of the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council, a member of the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Coordinating Council, and a member of the Nashville Coalition against Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Tina Fox has been honored with the 2018 Champion of Victims' Rights award from Union University, the 2017 Outstanding State Official award from the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Award from the National Office for Victims of Crime of the United States Department of Justice; she has been presented with a seal of appreciation by TBI Director Mark Gwyn and a Day of Recognition from Governor Bill Haslam and was selected as one of Music City's 100 Most Leading African Americans for 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox has been an invaluable asset to the Tennessee Board of Parole and the people of this State, and it is fitting that she be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Tina Fox for her astute service with the Tennessee Board of Parole, thank her for her tireless efforts to protect and advocate for victims of crime in Tennessee, and extend our sincere best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.